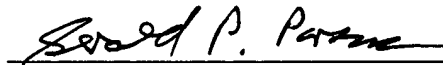


REMARKS

In order to advance the prosecution of the present application, rejected claims 1 – 10 are being cancelled, without prejudice to pursuing them in a continuation application. A typographical error is being corrected in claim 11. Since the remaining claims 11 – 16 have been allowed, an early indication of the allowance of the present application is solicited. However, if the Examiner notes any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1160 would be appreciated.

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